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LETTER DATED 13 JULY 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the letter dated 13 July 1992 from His Excellency, Mr. Dobrica Cosic, President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter published as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Letter dated 13 July 1992 from the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia addressed to the President of the Security Council

With respect to the completely unfounded allegations contained in the letters of the President of Croatia, Franjo Tudjman, and the President of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Alija Izetbegoviç, dated 12 and 13 July 1992 respectively, I wish to point out the following:

1. The Yugoslav Army has not undertaken action in the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina as alleged in those letters.

2. No plane belonging to the Air Force of the Yugoslav Army has taken off, let alone engaged in combat action, of which we are being accused.

With a view to precluding future wanton accusations, I invite the Security Council to send United Nations observers to the Yugoslav airports, in order to satisfy them that our Air Force has not been doing what it has been accused of so many times.

Since 19 May 1992, not a single combat plane or helicopter of the Yugoslav Air Force has flown over the borders of Bosnia-Herzegovina or Croatia.

3. The Yugoslav Army does not possess land-to-land missiles.

4. I do not understand the failure to see that the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina is an interethnic, religious and civil war. This is not a war of one nation and one religion that could be stopped by the will of one warring party. Its end does not depend on the good will of Serbia and Montenegro. That war can be ended only by the will of all the three warring parties. Peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina cannot be achieved unless it is made contingent on political solutions, ethnic cantonization and full national and civil equality, both in the confederate State structure, as well as within the territorial bounds of national communities with one basic principle: under no condition should ethnically pure communities be the objective. Every man in his right mind is appalled by the present ethnic cleansing being pursued by all the participants in the civil war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

5. The military armament of the Yugoslav People's Army did not remain only in the hands of the army of the Serbian Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The following also remained with the Muslim-Croatian coalition: 231 tanks, 300 different calibre guns, 27 "Kol" type multiple rocket launchers, 60 "Oganj" type multiple rocket launchers, about 5,000 large calibre mortars, 100,000 automatic and semi-automatic rifles, 100,000 M48 rifles, 5,000 sniper rifles and 15,000 automatic rifles and machine-guns and a substantial quantity of infantry and artillery ammunition. Furthermore, 11 war matériel and ammunition factories - among them also a multiple launchers and rockets plant

currently operating at full capacity - have also remained in the territory of the Muslim-Croat coalition.

6. The persistent ignoring of the fact that the Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia are participating in the armed conflicts and that for weeks now they have been on the offensive in Bosnia-Herzegovina is astonishing.

7. I declare with full responsibility that there isn't a single soldier or officer of the Yugoslav Army in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Army of Yugoslavia is not providing any assistance in armaments and military equipment to the Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina other than humanitarian aid and even that is limited in scope. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has no part in commanding the Serbian army in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Mr. President, would you please see that this letter is distributed as a document of the Security Council.

Dobrica COSIC
President of the Federal
Republic of Yugoslavia